

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2008

The Senate convened for a pro forma session at 10:00 AM.

The Senate will stand in recess for pro forma sessions for the following days:

Tuesday, December 23 at 11 AM

Friday, December 26 at 11 AM

Tuesday, December 30 at 10:30 AM

Friday, January 2 at 10 AM. At the close of the January 2nd session, the Senate will stand adjourned Sine Die under the provisions of H. Con. Res. 440.

The Senate recessed at 10:01 AM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2008

The Senate convened for a pro forma session at 11:00 AM.

The Senate will stand in recess for pro forma sessions for the following days:

Friday, December 19 at 10 AM

Tuesday, December 23 at 11 AM

Friday, December 26 at 11 AM

Tuesday, December 30 at 10:30 AM

Friday, January 2 at 10 AM. At the close of the January 2nd session, the Senate will stand adjourned Sine Die under the provisions of H. Con. Res. 440.

The Senate recessed at 11:01 AM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2008

The Senate convened for a pro forma session at 10:00 AM.

The Senate will stand in recess for pro forma sessions for the following days:

Tuesday, December 16 at 11 AM

Friday, December 19 at 10 AM

Tuesday, December 23 at 11 AM

Friday, December 26 at 11 AM

Tuesday, December 30 at 10:30 AM

Friday, January 2 at 10 AM. At the close of the January 2nd session, the Senate will stand adjourned Sine Die under the provisions of H. Con. Res. 440.

The Senate recessed at 10:01 AM

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2008

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 7005 (Alternative Minimum Tax Relief Act of 2008 – Auto Industry Financial Restructuring).

The Senate recessed at 2:17 PM until 3:00 PM.

The Senate reconvened at 3:00 PM.

H.R. 7327 (Pension Protection Act). The bill was read a third time and passed by voice vote.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 7005 (Alternative Minimum Tax Relief Act of 2008 – Auto Industry Financial Restructuring). The Motion was not agreed to by a vote of 52-35.

S. Con Res. 107 (Capitol Tours). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 664 (Union Station Centennial). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will stand in recess for pro forma sessions for the following days:

Friday, December 12 at 10 AM (The Senate will be open for morning business until 12:00 Noon).

Tuesday, December 16 at 11 AM

Friday, December 19 at 10 AM

Tuesday, December 23 at 11 AM

Friday, December 26 at 11 AM

Tuesday, December 30 at 10:30 AM

Friday, January 2 at 10 AM. At the close of the January 2nd session, the Senate will stand adjourned Sine Die under the provisions of H. Con. Res. 440.

The Senate recessed at 11:50 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2008

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 7005 (Alternative Minimum Tax Relief Act of 2008 – Auto Industry Financial Restructuring).

The Senate recessed at 2:17 PM until 3:00 PM.

The Senate reconvened at 3:00 PM.

H.R. 7327 (Pension Protection Act). The bill was read a third time and passed by voice vote.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2008

The Senate will convene at 10:30 AM and will be in Morning Business for one hour. The Senate will then resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 3297 (Advancing America's Priorities Act). The Senate may recess from 12:30 – 2:15 for the Republican caucus meeting.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to the consideration of S. 3297 (Advancing America's Priorities Act).

The Senate recessed from 12:30-2:15 PM for Republican party caucus luncheon.

Motion to Proceed to the consideration of S. 3297 (Advancing America's Priorities Act).
The Motion to Proceed is withdrawn by Sen. Reid.

Motion to proceed to H.R. 7005 (Alternative Minimum Tax Relief Act of 2008). Sen. Reid filed Motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to H.R. 7005 (Alternative Minimum Tax Relief Act of 2008).

S. 3731 (Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 6184 (America's Beautiful National Parks Quarter Dollar Coin Act of 2008). Agreed to by UC.

S. Res. 196 (Commending Idaho on hosting the 2009 Special Olympics Games). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. J. Res. 46 (Ensuring the compensation and other monuments attached to the Office of the Secretary of State). Agreed to by UC.

H.R. 7311 (William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008). Agreed to by UC.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Thursday, December 11, 2008 and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 7005 (Alternative Minimum Tax Relief Act of 2008).

The Senate adjourned at 6:49 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2008

The Senate will convene at 10:30 AM and will be in morning business for 90 minutes. At 12 noon, the Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 3297 (Advancing America's Priorities Act).

The following bills received their second readings en bloc:

H.R. 7005 (Alternative Minimum Tax Relief for Individuals).

H.R. 7006 (Disaster Assistance Tax Relief Act).

H.R. 7060 (Energy Production and Job Creation Tax Act).

Further consideration of the bills were objected to en bloc.

The Senate stands recessed at 1:00 PM until 2:30 PM.

The Senate reconvened at 2:30 PM.

The Senate proceeded with a period of morning business.

The following were considered en bloc:

S. Res. 718 (). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 720 (). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 719 (Recognizing "Native American Indian and Alaska Native Month"). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 724 (Sense of the Senate on the terrorist attacks in Mumbai, India). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 725 (Acknowledging the goals of the "Youth Impact Program"). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 726 (Designating Dec 13, 2008 as "Reads Across America Day"). Agreed to by voice vote

S. Res 727 (Remembering an anniversary). Agreed to by voice vote.

On the Executive Calendar:

Cal #815 Nomination confirmed by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 10:30 AM on December 10, 2008. There will be one hour of Morning Business. The Senate will then resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 3297 (Advancing America's Priorities Act).

The Senate adjourned at 6:30 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2008

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session and confirmed the following nominations by voice vote.

813 1913 The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

Nov 20, 2008 Reported by Mr. Levin, Committee on Armed Services, without printed report.

to be Major General

Brig. Gen. David J. Scott

814 2088 The following named officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

Nov 20, 2008 Reported by Mr. Levin, Committee on Armed Services, without printed report.

to be Brigadier General

Col. James N. Stewart

816 2113 The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

Nov 20, 2008 Reported by Mr. Levin, Committee on Armed Services, without printed report.

to be Lieutenant General

Maj. Gen. John C. Koziol

817 2114 The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

Nov 20, 2008 Reported by Mr. Levin, Committee on Armed Services, without printed report.

to be Major General

Brig. Gen. Stephen L. Hoog

818 2133 The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

Nov 20, 2008 Reported by Mr. Levin, Committee on Armed Services, without printed report.

to be Lieutenant General

Maj. Gen. Loren M. Reno

819 2134 The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

Nov 20, 2008 Reported by Mr. Levin, Committee on Armed Services, without printed report.

to be Brigadier General

Col. James K. McLaughlin

820 2135 The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

Nov 20, 2008 Reported by Mr. Levin, Committee on Armed Services, without printed report.

to be Lieutenant General

Maj. Gen. Mark A. Welsh, III

NAVY

821 2136 The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

Nov 20, 2008 Reported by Mr. Levin, Committee on Armed Services, without printed report.

to be Vice Admiral

Rear Adm. John M. Mateczun

ARMY

822 1983-2 The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated

under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

Nov 20, 2008 Reported by Mr.

Levin, Committee on Armed

Services, without printed

report.

to be Major General

Brigadier General Gina S. Farrisee

823 2075 The following named officer for appointment to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C.,

section 3037:

Nov 20, 2008 Reported by Mr.

Levin, Committee on Armed

Services, without printed

report.

to be Lieutenant General

Maj. Gen. Scott C. Black

824 2077 The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated

while assigned to a position of importance and

responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section

601:

Nov 20, 2008 Reported by Mr.

Levin, Committee on Armed

Services, without printed

report.

to be Lieutenant General

Maj. Gen. James H. Pillsbury

825 2078 The following Army National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the

Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated

under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and

12211:

Nov 20, 2008 Reported by Mr.

Levin, Committee on Armed

Services, without printed

report.

to be Brigadier General

Col. David N. Blackorby

826 2192 The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated

under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

Nov 20, 2008 Reported by Mr.

Levin, Committee on Armed

Services, without printed

report.

to be Major General

Brig. Gen. James E. Rogers
827 1982 The following named officer for appointment in
the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated
under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:
Nov 20, 2008 Reported by Mr.
Levin, Committee on Armed
Services, without printed
report.
to be Brigadier General
Col. Margaret W. Boor

The following bills received their first readings en bloc:
HR 7005 (Alternative Minimum Tax Relief for Individuals).
HR 7006 (Disaster Assistance Relief).
HR 7060 (Energy Production and Conservation).

S. Res. 723 (Collection of clothing for charitable purposes). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, December 9th and will be in morning business for 90 minutes. At 12 noon, the Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 3297 (Advancing America's Priorities Act).

The Senate adjourned at 6:15 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2008

The Senate will convene 2:00 PM for a Pro Forma Session only.

The Senate convened at 2:00 PM for a Pro Forma Session. The Senate will reconvene on the following dates for Pro Forma Sessions:

December 2, 2008 at 10:30 AM

December 5, 2008 at 11:00 AM

The Senate will then recess until 3:00 PM on Monday, December 8, 2008. The Senate will proceed with a period of Morning Business.

The Senate adjourned at 2:01 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2008

The Senate will convene 10:00 AM for a Pro Forma Session only.

The Senate convened at 10:00 AM for a Pro Forma Session. The Senate will reconvene on the following dates for Pro Forma Sessions:

November 29, 2008 at 2:00 PM

December 2, 2008 at 10:30 AM

December 5, 2008 at 11:00 AM

The Senate will then recess until 3:00 PM on Monday, December 8, 2008. The Senate will proceed with a period of Morning Business.

The Senate adjourned at 10:01 AM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2008

The Senate will convene 9:30 AM for a Pro Forma Session only.

The Senate convened at 9:30 AM for a Pro Forma Session. The Senate will reconvene on the following dates for Pro Forma Sessions:

November 26, 2008 at 10:00 AM

November 29, 2008 at 2:00 PM

December 2, 2008 at 10:30 AM

December 5, 2008 at 11:00 AM

The Senate will then recess until 3:00 PM on Monday, December 8, 2008. The Senate will proceed with a period of Morning Business.

The Senate adjourned at 9:31 AM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2008

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 6867 (The Unemployment Compensation Act).

The Senate convened and proceeded to a period of morning business.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to proceed to H. R. 6867 (The Unemployment Compensation Act). If cloture is invoked, then all post-cloture time will be yielded back under a Unanimous Consent agreement, the Motion to Proceed will be agreed to by Unanimous Consent and the Senate will then vote on Final Passage of S. 6867 (The Unemployment Compensation Act).

Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 6867 (The Unemployment Compensation Act). Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion to the Motion to Proceed was agreed to by a vote of 89-6. Under a previous order, the motion to proceed was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H. R. 6867 (The Unemployment Compensation Act). The bill was read a third time. **Final passage.** Under a previous order, the bill was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Motion to proceed to S. 3297 (Advancing America's Priorities Act).

There will be no more roll call votes this week.

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session to consider the following nominations en bloc:

P.N. 2128 Confirmed by voice vote.

P.N. 1994 (except for the nomination of Robert E. Dade). Confirmed by voice vote.

P.N. 2217 Confirmed by voice vote.

P.N. 2218 Confirmed by voice vote.

CAL #757, Nomination of William Carr. Confirmed by voice vote.

P.N. 113, Nomination of Ricardo H. Hinjosa. Confirmed by voice vote.

P.N. 2019 Confirmed by voice vote.

P.N. 2022 Confirmed by voice vote.

P.N. 2031 Confirmed by voice vote.

P.N. 2024 Confirmed by voice vote.

P.N. 2104 Confirmed by voice vote.

P.N. 2119 Confirmed by voice vote.
P.N. 2058 Confirmed by voice vote.
P.N. 2086 Confirmed by voice vote.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H. R. 6859 (Designate the name of a postal service facility). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. R. 3681 (Designate the name of a postal service facility). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 3711 (Authorize the annual cost of living adjustment for the Federal Judiciary). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 3712 (Make technical corrections to the Paul Wellstone and Pete Dominici Equity Act of 2008). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 3663 (Require the FCC to provide for a short term extension of the Analog Television Broadcast Authority). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. Con. Res. 435 (Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall on December 2, 2008). Agreed to by voice vote

S. Res. 709 (Sense of Senate that the US should pursue the conservation of the blue fin tuna). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 711 (condemning the senseless stoning death of a 13 year old Somalia girl). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 712 (Congratulation of the Philadelphia Phillies on winning the 2008 world series). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 713 (Calling on all parties involved in the escalating violence in the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo to an immediate cease fire). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 714 (Honoring the firefighters and emergency workers who fought fires in California). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 715 (Extending the authority of the Senate National Security Working Group). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will recess until the following dates and times for Pro Forma sessions only:

November 24, 2008 at 9:30 AM

November 26, 2008 at 10:00 AM

November 29, 2008 at 2:00 PM

December 2, 2008 at 10:30 AM

December 5, 2008 at 11:00 AM

The Senate will then recess until 3:00 PM on Monday, December 8, 2008. The Senate will proceed with a period of Morning Business.

The Senate adjourned at 6:05 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2008

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 6867 (The Unemployment Compensation Act).

The Senate convened and proceeded to a period of morning business.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to proceed to S. 6867 (The Unemployment Compensation Act). If cloture is invoked, then all post-cloture time will be yielded back under a Unanimous Consent agreement, the Motion to Proceed will be agreed to by Unanimous Consent and the Senate will then vote on Final Passage of S. 6867 (The Unemployment Compensation Act).

Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 6867 (The Unemployment Compensation Act). Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion to the Motion to Proceed was agreed to by a vote of 89-6. Under a previous order, the motion to proceed was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 6867 (The Unemployment Compensation Act). The bill was read a third time. **Final passage.** Under a previous order, the bill was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Motion to proceed to S. 3297 (Advancing America's Priorities Act).

There will be no more roll call votes this week.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2008

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed with morning business. Upon conclusion of Morning Business, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 3297 (Amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat certain income and gains relating to fuels as qualifying income for publicly traded partnerships).

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

The letter of resignation of Senator Barack Obama was presented and read in the Senate.

Sen. Mikulski announced that the Senate will recess from 2:30 to 4:00 for an all Senator's briefing from Secretary Gates, Secretary Rice and the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The Senate recessed at 2:30 PM for an all Senator's Iraq briefing.

The Senate reconvened at 4:00 PM.

Mikulski motion to proceed to the Text of the Title Number 7 of S. 3689 (Auto Sales Tax Deduction – Economic Recovery Plan), that the bill be read a third time and passed. Sununu objected.

Schumer motion to proceed to S. 3656 (Preserving Access to HealthCare), that the bill be read a third time and passed. Grassley objected.

Reid motion to proceed to S. 3689 (Auto Sales Tax Deduction – Economic Recovery Plan), that the bill be read a third time and passed. McConnell objected.

Reid motion to proceed to the Text of the Title Number 6 of S. 3689 (Auto Sales Tax Deduction – Economic Recovery Plan), that the bill be read a third time and passed. Kyl objected.

Reid withdrew the Motion to Proceed to S. 3297 (Amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986).

Reid filed cloture on the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 6867 (The Unemployment Compensation Act).

H.R. 2040 (Semi-centennial of the Civil Rights Act). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, November 20 and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 6867 (The Unemployment Compensation Act).

The Senate adjourned at 6:40 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2008

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed with morning business. Upon conclusion of Morning Business, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 3297 (Amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat certain income and gains relating to fuels as qualifying income for publicly traded partnerships).

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

The letter of resignation of Senator Barack Obama was presented and read in the Senate.

Sen. Mikulski announced that the Senate will recess from 2:30 to 4:00 for an all Senator's briefing from Secretary Gates, Secretary Rice and the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2008

The Senate will convene at 12:00 PM and proceed to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. R. 5714 (Authorizing the minting of certain coins). Agreed to by voice vote.

Message from the House with respect to S. 602 (Develop the next generation of parental control technology). Senate motion to concur with the House amendment was agreed to by voice vote

S. Res. 706 (Authorize testimony and legal representation in the case of Peterboro Vs. Pacific Gas and Electric). Agreed to by voice vote.

The following were considered en bloc:

S. 3688 (Provide for additional emergency unemployment compensation). The bill was read for the first time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

S. 3689 (Making supplemental appropriations for job creation and preservation). The bill was read for the first time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

H.R. 6867 (Provide for additional emergency unemployment compensation). The bill was read for the first time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

H.R. 7110 (Making supplemental appropriations for job creation and preservation, infrastructure investment and economic and energy assistance).

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, November 19, 2008. The Senate will proceed with morning business. Upon conclusion of Morning Business, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 3297 (Amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat certain income and gains relating to fuels as qualifying income for publicly traded partnerships).

The Senate adjourned at 6:03 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2008

The Senate will convene at 12:00 PM and proceed to a period of morning business.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2008

The Senate convened at 3:00 PM for a pro forma session.

The Senate will convene at 12:00 PM on Monday, November 17 and proceed to a period of morning business.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2008

The Senate convened at 1:00 PM for a pro forma session.

The Senate will next convene on Thursday, November 13, 2008 at 3:00 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2008

The Senate convened at 11:00 AM for a pro forma session.

The Senate will next convene on Monday, November 10, 2008 at 1:00 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2008

The Senate convened at 10:00 AM for a pro forma session.

The Senate will next convene on Thursday, November 6, 2008 at 11:00 AM.